

selecting an origination point and a destination point;

selecting a flight time to travel from the origination point and the destination point;

selecting a flight time for the return flight from the destination point to the origination point;

creating a record of [the] flight information reflecting the selected origination point, destination point, flight time to travel from the origination point to the destination point, and flight time from the destination point to the origination point;

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requesting hatel information;

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[selection] selecting a hotel;

creating a record of the hotel [information] selection;

energizing a car rental icon;

requesting car rental information;

[selection] selecting a car;

creating a record of the car [information] selection;

energizing a cost icon;

searching for cheaper flight;

selecting a cheaper flight; and

sending the travel request to a travel agency for booking.

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28. The method of claim 27, wherein the set of travel rules associated with the requester includes travel rules for at least one [of an] individual, a group, and the enterprise.

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43. The system of claim 42, wherein the set of travel rules associated with the requester includes travel rules for at lesat one [of an] individual, a group, and the enterprise.



49. A <u>computer implemented</u> method of managing <u>information in</u> a travel system, comprising the steps of

storing travel information corresponding to travel itineraries and associated expense data, and travel policy data in a storage sybsystem;

arranging travel itineraries for users in a planning subsystem; generating reports corresponding to the travel information in a reporting subsystem; and

linking the reporting subsystem and the planning subsystem via the storage subsystem.



55. The method of claim 49, wherein the generating step includes creating a standard report, the standard report including each travel itinerary, associated expense data, and associated information reflecting compliance with the travel policy data.

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- 56. The method of claim 49, wherein the generating step includes creating a status report, the status report including information from the storage subsystem and stored travel resource contract data.
- 57. A travel system, comprising
  a storage subsystem linking a planning subsystem and a reporting subsystem,

the storage subsystem reflecting travel information corresponding to travel itineraries and associated expense data, and travel policy data;

the planning subsystem configured to [arranged] <u>arrange</u> travel itineraries for users; and

the reporting subsystem configured to generate reports corresponding to the travel information.

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66. An enterprise travel management system communicably linked to an external source of information on travel resources, comprising

a database linking [in a database] a planning subsystem, a management subsystem, and a reporting subsystem, said database including travel data associated with travelers of the enterprise, enterprise policy data, and preference data associated with each traveler,

wherein the planning subsystem has at least one component configured to receive requests from the travelers to book travel plans,

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access the external source to determine whether there are available travel resources for each request based on preference data associated with the traveler,

book\a travel plan with the external source based on a result of the determination\for each request,

determine whether each booked travel plan complies with the enterprise policy data, and

update the travel data in the database to reflect each booked travel plan and whether it has been authorized;

the management subsystem has at least one component configured to
access the external source for information corresponding to booked
travel plans in the database, and

update the travel data in the database to reflect the information from the external source and related expense information; and the reporting subsystem has at least one component configured to update the database to reflect enterprise-wide travel information,

and

generate reports corresponding to the travel data.

67. A <u>computer-implemented</u> method of managing travel for an enterprise using an accessible external source of information on travel resources, comprising the steps of

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storing travel data associated with travelers of the enterprise, enterprise policy data, and preference data associated with each traveler;

receiving requests from the travelers to book travel plans;

determining whether there are available travel resources for each request based on preference data associated with the traveler;

booking a travel plan based on a result of the determination for each request;

determining whether each booked travel plan complies with the enterprise policy data; and

updating the travel data to reflect each booked travel plan and related expense information.

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74. The method of claim 73, wherein the determining step includes reviewing at least one [of] travel [policies] policy for the enterprise, travel preferences for the requester, and a travel arrangement between the enterprise at a travel vendor associated with the request.

Please add the following new claim:

75. A computer-implemented method of managing travel for an enterprise, comprising the steps of:

interactively receiving a request to book a travel plan and determining whether the travel plan complies with travel policies or travel preferences;

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